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FROM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

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SUBJECT: HANDLING OF WHEAT SHIPMENTS IN ALEXANDRIA PORT

REF: STATE 17736

1. SILOS MANAGER (GRAIN RECEIVER) ALEXANDRIA PORT TOLD CONSULAR OFFICER 26 JANUARY THAT BACKLOG OF WHEAT SHIPS NOW DOWN TO SIX WITH TOTAL CARGO SLIGHTLY OVER 100,000 TONS. THESE SIX SHIPS IN ADDITION TO SIX OTHER WHEAT CARRIERS CURRENTLY OFF-LOADING. SILOS MANAGER EXPECTS KEY WAITING TIME FOR WHAT SHIPMENTS TO BE REDUCED FURTHER BY MID/LATE FEBRUARY BUT ADMITS HE OFTEN LAST TO KNOW WHEN CARRIERS ACTUALLY EN ROUTE ALEXANDRIA.

2. DAILY WHEAT DISCHARGE AT ALEXANDRIA NOW RUNNING AT AVERAGE OF 10,000 TONS, OR ABOUT 300,000 TONS PER MONTH. EGYPT PLANS IMPORT 2.8 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT THIS YEAR, NEARLY ALL VIA ALEXANDRIA PORT. IF WHEAT SHIPS ARRIVE AT ALEXANDRIA, RELATIVELY EVENLY-SPACED, BELIEVE OFF-LOADING FACILITIES ABLT TO REDUCE SHIPS WAITING TIME OUTSIDE PORT SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THE 6 WEEKS -2 MONTHS AVERAGE EXPERIENCED IN FALL 1974.

3. AS REGARDS PL 480 SHIPMENTS, THOUGH GOE HAS GIVEN PRIORITY BERTHING AS PROMISED, AND HAS GIVEN EVERY UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATION THAT SUCH PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT WILL BE

EXTENDED TO FUTURE SHIPMENTS. SIGNED CHASE.
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